

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 675**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland**

February 19, 2003

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An act to amend Section 19414.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 675, as introduced, Strickland. Horse racing: racing days and weeks.

Existing law defines 'racing weeks' for the purposes of the Horse Racing Law as 7 consecutive days during which a licensed racing association is authorized by the California Horse Racing Board to conduct horse racing for a minimum of 5 racing days. Existing law permits the board to authorize a licensed racing association or fair to conduct horse racing on a minimum of 4 racing days during a racing week if the racing association or fair and the organization representing horsemen jointly petition the board to do so. Existing law also provides for fractional weeks of 4 days or less that can be authorized by the board at the beginning or end of a racing meeting, and under certain other circumstances.

This bill would redefine 'racing week' as 7 consecutive days during which an association is authorized to conduct horse racing for a minimum of 4, instead of 5, racing days, and would authorize less than 4 in response to a joint petition as described above. It would also specify that fractional racing weeks of 3 days or less can be authorized by the board on the terms now applicable to fractional racing weeks of 4 days or less.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 19414.5 of the Business and Professions  
2     Code is amended to read:  
3     19414.5. (a) “Racing days” are days on which a licensed  
4     racing association or fair is authorized by the board to conduct  
5     horse racing.  
6     (b) “Racing weeks” are seven consecutive days during which  
7     a licensed racing association or fair is authorized by the board to  
8     conduct horse racing for a minimum of ~~five~~ *four* racing days. The  
9     board, however, upon joint petition of the association or fair and  
10    the organization representing horsemen participating in the  
11    meeting of that association or fair, may authorize the conduct of  
12    horse racing for less than ~~five~~ *four* racing days. Fractional racing  
13    weeks of ~~four~~ *three* days or less may be authorized by the board  
14    at the beginning and end of any horse racing meeting. Fractional  
15    weeks may also be authorized during weeks containing holidays  
16    and during periods of overlap with thoroughbred meetings and  
17    fairs if the total number of weeks authorized by the board in any  
18    calendar year for each breed does not exceed the maximum annual  
19    allocation of racing weeks provided for in Article 6 (commencing  
20    with Section 19530). If a licensed racing association holds a split  
21    meeting, each part of the split meeting shall be deemed a horse  
22    racing meeting solely for the purposes of authorizing fractional  
23    racing weeks.

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